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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Horatio Gardner, DOB 04/18/84, of 2313 Carling Drive, Apartment 3, Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to one year and one day in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for unlawfully possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. Gardner pleaded guilty to this charge on May 16, 2006.

On February 22, 2006, at approximately 2:00 a.m., Gardner's car was observed by police in the Allied Drive neighborhood. The car appeared to either have been in an accident or stuck in the snow and when the police approached, Gardner fled. Gardner failed to comply with repeated commands to stop and at one point he threw a handgun to the ground, which police recovered.

The charge against Gardner was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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